

TRANSCRIPT OF FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEO

ACCOUNT OF DIJON SHARPE

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EXHIBIT A

1 [VIDEO BEGINS]

2 00:00 OFFICER ELLIS: ... you ain't got your

3 seatbelt on.

4 MR. STATON: Okay.

5 00:02 OFFICER ELLIS: You got your ID on you?

6 MR. STATON: No. You can run my license,

7 though.

8 00:07 OFFICER ELLIS: You got your ID number?

9 MR. STATON: No. I'll give you my name.

10 Juankesta Staton.

11 00:13 OFFICER HELMS: Pulled right out in front

12 that officer too, didn't you?

13 MR. STATON: He had a stop sign, didn't he?

14 MR. SHARPE: What officer?

15 00:19 MR. STATON: I thought I saw a stop sign

16 right there.

17 MR. SHARPE: There is a stop sign right

18 there.

19 00:22 MR. STATON: Yeah, I know.

20 OFFICER ELLIS: What's your name?

21 MR. STATON: Juankesta Staton. J-u-a-n --

22 OFFICER ELLIS: J-u --

23 00:23 MR. STATON: -- K-e-s-t-a, S-t-a-t-o-n.

24 OFFICER ELLIS: J-u-a-n --

1 OFFICER HELMS: You got your ID on you?

2 00:34 OFFICER ELLIS: -- K-e-s-t-a what?

3 MR. STATON: J-u-a-n-k-e-s --

4 OFFICER HELMS: Hey.

5 00:37 MR. STATON: -- T-a.

6 OFFICER ELLIS: Right.

7 MR. STATON: Juankesta Staton, S-t-a-t-o-n.

8 00:41 OFFICER ELLIS: Date of birth?

9 MR. STATON: 7/3/80.

10 OFFICER ELLIS: All right. Just hang tight,

11 00:48 all right?

12 MR. STATON: Uh-huh. You know there was a

13 damn stop sign on the other side.

14 00:54 MR. SHARPE: It was a stop sign.

15 MR. STATON: They looked at it.

16 01:14 OFFICER HELMS: Where y'all live?

17 MR. STATON: I live in Greenville.

18 OFFICER HELMS: All right. What are you

19 01:17 doing over here?

20 MR. STATON: Um --

21 MR. SHARPE: Handling business.

22 01:21 MR. STATON: Going to the neighborhood to

23 put tires on my car I just bought.

24 OFFICER HELMS: All right. What's that

1 01:26 mean, handling business?

2 MR. SHARPE: Handling our business.

3 MR. STATON: [Inaudible]

4 01:29 OFFICER HELMS: Okay. Why isn't your

5 seatbelt on?

6 MR. STATON: I'm in Winterville.

7 01:33 MR. SHARPE: Just took it off when your man

8 came up.

9 OFFICER HELMS: All right.

10 01:37 MR. STATON: I'm in Winterville. I guess

11 the police officer running my license. I guess

12 that police officer running my li -- well, he

13 01:46 gonna pull it up. The police officer -- a

14 police officer told me he was running my

15 license.

16 01:53 I don't know if he had a -- huh. Oh, no,

17 it's not. It has something on [inaudible].

18 02:01 We've got the tires on the car. We just

19 came from Wal-Mart, going to put the tires n

20 the car.

21 02:07 We went through -- I went through your

22 direction in Winterville instead of going the

23 highway.

24 02:15 And one of them was following me the whole

1 while, and I passed y'all house.

2 02:20 Um, Blount and somewhere else. It looks

3 straight to be by the school, the same way you

4 be going, where we just went yesterday to go

5 02:27 get the car. Me and Dijon. The same thing

6 again, right? I said the same thing, man. The

7 same thing.

8 02:47 Oh -- right here by the alley by the Police

9 department and all of that, passing that little

10 school.

11 02:54 Yeah. Same thing again. But I told him he

12 could run my license; it's good. We

13 [inaudible] we -- my license good. I'm trying

14 03:12 to get to my car, man. I didn't think about

15 none of that mess. I'm saying -- what am I

16 03:16 doing? I got tires in the car. Two in the

17 back seat and two in the boot.

18 03:21 MR. SHARPE: They say we ran a stop light --

19 I mean, we ran a stop sign?

20 OFFICER HELMS: Ran a stop sign, and the

21 03:24 driver didn't have his seatbelt on.

22 MR. SHARPE: We stopped at the stop sign.

23 OFFICER HELMS: You ran right out in front

24 03:27 of a police officer --

1 MR. STATON: They said I ran --

2 OFFICER HELMS: That's why --

3 03:28 MR. SHARPE: Y'all got a stop sign too.

4 MR. STATON: I stopped at the stop sign.

5 The officer pulled --

6 03:30 OFFICER HELMS: Huh?

7 MR. SHARPE: Y'all got a stop sign too.

8 OFFICER HELMS: Yep.

9 03:32 MR. STATON: Oh, you ran the stop sign --

10 MR. SHARPE: So how we run in front of

11 y'all, if y'all got a stop sign?

12 03:34 OFFICER HELMS: You were right in front of

13 us. You ran the stop sign in front of the

14 other officer --

15 03:37 MR. STATON: I was at a stop sign. He was

16 coming --

17 OFFICER HELMS: The other officer stopped

18 03:39 y'all before we could.

19 MR. STATON: No, I was --

20 MR. SHARPE: He did not stop us.

21 03:42 OFFICER HELMS: Huh?

22 MR. STATON: -- [inaudible] stop sign.

23 MR. SHARPE: We're -- y'all stopped us.

24 03:43 MR. STATON: I was at the stop sign. He was

1 coming to one.

2 OFFICER HELMS: That way doesn't have a stop

3 03:44 sign.

4 MR. STATON: They said I --

5 MR. SHARPE: Can we walk to it right now?

6 03:48 OFFICER HELMS: No.

7 MR. STATON: So they called --

8 MR. SHARPE: Y'all got a stop sign.

9 03:51 MR. STATON: -- two, three cars now.

10 OFFICER HELMS: Well, you had a sign behind

11 you. You ran that one, and no seatbelt.

12 03:55 MR. STATON: So he called in two, three

13 cars, the same thing they did last time.

14 MR. SHARPE: We stopped at both stop signs.

15 04:01 MR. STATON: Yeah, we did. Stopped at a

16 whole lot of stop signs. He was --

17 MR. SHARPE: That car --

18 04:03 MR. STATON: -- the one that pulled out.

19 MR. SHARPE: The car came across the tracks,

20 and then we went, and then y'all came from the

21 04:07 right side. And y'all -- y'all had a stop

22 sign, so then how did we stop in front of

23 y'all?

24 04:12 MR. STATON: I'm telling you guys, that's

1 why I should have went the highway, man. I do
2 not got time for this. And they're calling --

3 04:16 they got three, four cars.

4 OFFICER ELLIS: Did you put that one on
5 there? Stop sign, seat belt.

6 04:22 MR. STATON: Man, we ain't got it -- we
7 clean. I got a good drivers license. It's the
8 same thing they did last time, all [inaudible]

9 04:29 OFFICER HELMS: Hey, you got an ID on you?

10 MR. STATON: No, I ain't -- I'm about tired
11 of this mess, man. It's the same thing they

12 04:37 did last time, and they acted like they didn't
13 do nothing to us whenever -- when we had to go
14 to court behind it.

15 04:42 MR. SHARPE: Naw --

16 MR. STATON: It's the same thing.

17 OFFICER HELMS: What's that?

18 04:44 MR. SHARPE: No.

19 OFFICER HELMS: Okay. What's your name.

20 MR. SHARPE: For what?

21 04:48 MR. STATON: He should have ran my license,
22 seen that --

23 OFFICER HELMS: I just like to know who I'm

24 04:49 out with.

1 MR. STATION: -- we was good, and let us go.

2 MR. SHARPE: I'm good.

3 04:52 OFFICER HELMS: Okay. All right.

4 [Inaudible]

5 MR. STATION: Talking about I didn't have a

6 04:54 seat belt on and all this. He should have ran
7 -- man, that ain't got nothing to do with it.

8 | That ain't got nothing to do with it.

9 05:02 You gonna give me a seat belt ticket, give
10 me a ticket and let me go. That's all he gotta
11 do.

12 05:07 MR. SHARPE: And they pulling off four or
13 five cars --

14 MR. STATION: Yeah, you pulling off four or

15 05:08 five cars --

16 MR. SHARPE: Here we go again.

17 MR. STATION: -- to give me a seat belt
18 ticket.

19 05:10 MR. SHARPE: We got tires in the back.

20 MR. STATON: He ain't gotta do all that,
21 man. All he gotta do is give me a seat bel-

22 | 05:13 ticket and let me go.

23 MR. SHARPE: We just came from the Wal-Mart

24 --

1 05:18 MR. STATON: They called three, four cars --
2 MR. SHARPE: -- getting new tires put on --
3 MR. STATON: I'm getting tired of this
4 05:19 police mess, man. I'm trying to get my car and
5 [inaudible]
6 MR. SHARPE: They said we ran a stop sign.
7 05:23 We stopped at a stop sign.
8 MR. STATON: Good God.
9 MR. SHARPE: After we leave, I'm gonna show
10 05:27 y'all exactly what -- where we went at.
11 MR. STATON: I'm so tired. I seen one of
12 them follow me the whole while, from the time I
13 05:37 turned left by your house, following a car
14 because they see two black people, man. I'm on
15 [inaudible]
16 05:46 I ain't worried. I got no [inaudible]. I
17 need -- I need them to let me go. You done ran
18 my stuff. Dijon already recording.
19 05:59 I'm so tired to have to keep messing with
20 these folk, man. Good God. I'm gonna
21 definitely get names this time, though.
22 06:10 MR. SHARPE: They say we ran the stop sign.
23 MR. STATON: They talking about ran the stop
24 sign.

1 06:12 MR. SHARPE: And we stopped.

2 MR. STATON: We didn't run no [inaudible]

3 stop sign. I stopped, and another cop was

4 06:16 trying to go straight in front of us. I think

5 they were already calling them, because he

6 followed me three, four stop signs down.

7 06:23 Who? How are we spending time --

8 MR. SHARPE: [inaudible]

9 MR. STATON: My tires are brand new, and I

10 06:31 got the Wal-Mart --

11 MR. SHARPE: We went and got the tires

12 nowhere near here.

13 06:35 MR. STATON: [Inaudible] I'm tired, man. He

14 supposed to run my name and see that I'm

15 straight and let us go. That's what he's

16 06:41 supposed to do.

17 They doin' all this extra mess, talking

18 about no seat belt. Give me a seat belt ticket

19 06:47 and let me leave, then.

20 You clearly see we got brand new tires in

21 the car, so what could we be doing with four

22 06:53 tires in the car?

23 I have. I'm getting tired of getting

24 pulled over. These dudes petty, man. Y'all

1 07:02 gonna [inaudible]

2 MR. SHARPE: They got us out here -- this is

3 all on running a stop light -- I mean, running

4 07:07 -- running your license.

5 MR. STATON: I don't know what y'all are

6 talking about. Let them do this -- this right

7 07:11 here is holding me up from getting my car.

8 Clearly -- he talking about what we're

9 doing, and you see two tires in the back and

10 07:17 two tires in the boot.

11 It ain't no yelp. Whoever back there

12 yelping, it ain't no stop lights by the school.

13 07:35 They stop signs.

14 Talking about we didn't run a [inaudible]

15 stop sign. I watched the dude follow me every

16 07:42 time. That would have been stupid to run the

17 stop sign. He been following me the whole

18 while.

19 07:47 That man seen two black people, and Dijon

20 with some glasses on. They thinking drug

21 dealer.

22 07:52 I'm a [inaudible] but I know that's what it

23 is. And I'm out here with a long-sleeved shirt

24 on and some basketball shorts. Talking about

1 07:58 where we going, and you see tires in the car.

2 No. That's called harassment. Ain't no

3 running no stop sign, ain't no lights, no

4 08:05 stoplights on the --

5 MR. SHARPE: We definitely stopped.

6 MR. STATON: We ain't even on the main

7 08:08 street. We on the street with the school.

8 There ain't no stoplights out there.

9 And it take them that long to run the li --

10 08:15 he out here talking to his buddy in the back,

11 [inaudible] him call three, four cars. And the

12 truck that asked me for my name, he leave.

13 08:22 So if you gonna give me a ticket for no

14 seat belt, you know what you're supposed to do?

15 You hold him until -- you not gonna get

16 08:27 nothing. Ain't nobody got no charge or no

17 warrants. Come on, man, let me go. If you're

18 gonna give me a ticket, give me a ticket and

19 08:32 let me go.

20 Man, the tires are right there in the boot.

21 You gonna tell me that -- that man can see that

22 08:38 I got the paper right in my hand.

23 MR. SHARPE: And walked right up to the car.

24 MR. STATON: -- and walked right up to the

1 08:42 car. You holding us here just to hold -- that
2 man, he was coming from behind, converges. He
3 seen us turn, and he turned right behind us.

4 08:52 MR. SHARPE: We've [inaudible] y'all. We
5 just gonna -- I'm recording every time we get
6 stopped.

7 08:55 MR. STATON: Yeah, he converges when I --
8 MR. SHARPE: -- as well as y'all should.
9 MR. STATON: -- [inaudible] Regional,
10 08:57 whatever it's called. He was waiting over
11 there.
12 MR. SHARPE: We good so far, but --
13 09:00 MR. STATON: So, what kind of stoplight?
14 There ain't no stoplights in the middle --
15 MR. SHARPE: We didn't run no stop sign,
16 09:03 though.
17 MR. STATON: There ain't no stop lights --
18 MR. SHARPE: I definitely know that.
19 09:05 MR. STATON: Regional. Yeah. Regional
20 accepted. So where a stop light at? Ain't no
21 stop lights, man.
22 09:12 You gonna give me a ticket, give it to me.
23 He pulled behind because he seen two young
24 black people driving. That what it was.

1 09:18 There's no stoplights on this street nowhere.
2 I stopped at all three stop signs.
3 Yeah, I know that. Yeah. And I was
4 09:31 getting ready to go left like you did on that
5 [inaudible] street and pick up my car and keep
6 moving. That's all.
7 09:46 By Sam's and Fred's? I don't even know
8 Sam's and Fred's. I didn't even go that way.
9 I went straight across from Regional, past --
10 09:53 down past the school like you did, and make
11 that left over the railroad track and go down
12 that straight road.
13 10:06 Back there talking. They could have
14 clearly gave me a ticket if I -- if it was a
15 seatbelt ticket and said okay, you guys have a
16 10:12 good day.
17 Because the one that called me -- or asked
18 my name and took all of the information, he
19 10:15 took off in the truck --
20 MR. SHARPE: After he asked --
21 MR. STATON: Two other ones came -- after he
22 10:18 asked.
23 MR. SHARPE: And then somebody else come and
24 see --

1 10:21 MR. STATON: And it looked like the officer
2 they got for [inaudible]

3 MR. SHARPE: Ring around the rosies here,

4 10:22 they got going on.

5 MR. STATON: -- the one that was in the
6 truck, I recognized him. Big, tall, with like
7 10:26 receding hairline.

8 MR. SHARPE: Tim Green.

9 MR. STATON: Tim Green. No, man [inaudible]
10 10:37 he probably got like suspended or something.

11 All they supposed to do is give me a ticket and
12 let me move. That's it. That dude seen black

13 10:51 folk, man. If he was gonna stop me for a seat
14 belt, he would have been stopping me.

15 MR. SHARPE: He would have been came back.

16 10:55 MR. STATON: He followed me the whole while.

17 MR. SHARPE: -- and gave us the ticket.

18 MR. STATON: He was at the stoplight at
19 10:57 Regional. He was at the stop sign. When I
20 turned left, he -- a car came.

21 He waited, and then he rode behind me all
22 11:03 the way down the whole street. And -- I know
23 it. Three cars come from three different ways.

24 That's crazy. I know there ain't no

1 11:14 stoplight or [inaudible] anything, man, that
2 [inaudible] was just gonna go for it. No, sir,
3 I ain't going for it.

4 11:20 I already know what it is. Stereotyping.
5 They see Dijon looking like he cool [inaudible]
6 glasses and all that, and thought he had
7 11:28 something.

8 And I'm here with a dirty shirt on and some
9 basketball shorts, no socks, so you know I
10 11:33 can't do but so much. And he done called three
11 officers. You know I can't do but so much,
12 man.

13 11:42 OFFICER HELMS: What have we got? Facebook
14 Live, cous?

15 MR. SHARPE: Yeah --

16 11:44 OFFICER HELMS: We ain't gonna do Facebook
17 Live, because that's an officer safety issue.

18 MR. SHARPE: Man, get off my phone, man.

19 11:49 Look at your boy. Look at your boy.

20 MR. STATON: I'm saying, why you grabbing on
21 him, man? Because he got his phone on? You
22 11:54 can't be grabbing on him, dog.

23 OFFICER ELLIS: Look at me. You got three
24 citations.

1 11:57 MR. STATON: Okay.

2 OFFICER ELLIS: Failure to wear your

3 seatbelt --

4 11:58 MR. STATON: Okay.

5 OFFICER ELLIS: -- failure to yield at the

6 stop sign right there --

7 12:00 MR. STATON: Okay.

8 OFFICER ELLIS: -- and you got failure to

9 carry your drivers license.

10 12:06 MR. STATON: Okay, that's cool.

11 OFFICER ELLIS: All three of those

12 citations, you can go online right there --

13 12:08 MR. STATON: I will. I know exactly how it

14 works. Thank you, man.

15 OFFICER ELLIS: You got any questions for

16 12:11 me?

17 MR. STATON: No. I'm good.

18 OFFICER ELLIS: Okay. In the future, guys,

19 this Facebook Live stuff, if you recording --

20 12:16 MR. STATON: Hey, look, man --

21 OFFICER ELLIS: -- listen to me.

22 MR. STATON: Not -- not y'all, but boy we

23 12:18 had some shit going --

24 OFFICER ELLIS: Okay.

1 MR. STATION: -- on in Greenville, policeman

2 | 12:21 --

3 OFFICER ELLIS: Okay. That's --

4 MR. SHARPE: We got some shit going on with
5 12:23 you, too. I don't know why you grabbing me. I
6 don't know why you grabbing me.

7 MR. STATION: We ain't trying to say today,

8 | 12:28 no [inaudible]

9 MR. SHARPE: Your man just grabbed me -- you
10 seen him grab my -- my seat belt and grab on me
11 12:32 and everything.

12 OFFICER ELLIS: Facebook Live --

13 MR. SHARPE: P. Helms --

14 12:33 OFFICER ELLIS: Hey, I'm talking to you.

15 MR. STATON: He talking -- he talking to the
16 other dude.

17 | 12:36 MR. SHARPE: No, you talking to him.

18 OFFICER ELLIS: I'm talking to you.

19 MR. SHARPE: Okay, but --

20 12:40 OFFICER ELLIS: Facebook Live --

21 MR. STATON: Yeah.

22 OFFICER ELLIS: -- we're not gonna have,

23 12:41 okay, because that lets everybody y'all follow
24 on Facebook that we're out here. There might

1 be just one me next time --

2 12:47 MR. STATON: Yeah.

3 OFFICER ELLIS: -- okay. It lets everybody
4 know where y'all are at. We're not gonna have

5 12:50 that.

6 MR. STATON: Right.

7 OFFICER ELLIS: If you were recording, that

8 12:51 is just fine.

9 MR. STATON: Okay.

10 OFFICER ELLIS: We record, too. So in the

11 12:55 future, if you're on Facebook Live, your phone
12 is gonna be taken from you?

13 MR. SHARPE: How? Is that a law?

14 12:58 OFFICER ELLIS: And if you don't want to
15 give up your phone, you'll go to jail.

16 MR. SHARPE: Is that a law?

17 13:02 OFFICER ELLIS: That's an officer safety
18 issue.

19 MR. STATON: You know --

20 13:03 OFFICER ELLIS: That's the RDO.

21 MR. STATON: -- the last situation we had,
22 the officer --

23 13:05 MR. SHARPE: That's not a law.

24 MR. STATON: -- beat a guy up --

OFFICER ELLIS: That's the RDO.

13:07 MR. STATON: -- and then didn't have his body cam on. Like I said, after that happened, man, I don't trust no cops.

13:11 OFFICER ELLIS: I understand that.

MR. STATON: I'm sorry.

OFFICER ELLIS: If I had that happen to me,

13:14 I'd probably --

MR. STATON: Yeah.

OFFICER ELLIS: -- be in the same situation.

13:16 MR. STATON: Yeah, man.

OFFICER ELLIS: But to let you know, you can record on your phone --

13:18 MR. STATON: And you got to, for a
precaution.

OFFICER ELLIS: -- but Facebook Live is not

13:19 gonna happen.

MR. STATION: Okay. That's cool.

OFFICER ELLIS: Do you understand,

13:21 passenger?

MR. SHARPE: I got you.

OFFICER ELLIS: If I see it again, you ain't

13:14 gonna have that. All right?

MR. SHARPE: Wait, let me put my seatbelt

1 on.

2 13:27 MR. STATON: Now come on. I'm telling you,
3 [inaudible] Facebook Live, I don't see how.

4 MR. SHARPE: P. Helms getting a lawsuit.

5 13:34 MR. STATON: You heard all that mess, didn't
6 you?

7 MR. SHARPE: P. Helms getting a lawsuit.

8 13:35 MR. STATON: All of these [inaudible] cases
9 --

10 MR. SHARPE: Y'all heard what they just
11 13:37 said.

12 MR. STATON: I'm telling Dijon, then the
13 officer --

14 13:39 MR. SHARPE: Did you hear what they just
15 said? Did you just see the man grabbing on me?
16 Y'all see what the fuck I be talking about.

17 13:45 Y'all see what the fuck I be talking about.
18 Y'all think we just be lying and shit. Y'all
19 just seen the nigger grab on me, on Live, grab
20 13:50 the phone, grab the seat belt, and grab my
21 shirt. Y'all just seen this shit. P. Helms.
22 P. Helms will be getting a lawsuit. Will be
23 13:58 getting a lawsuit. Share my fucking shit.
24 Y'all think niggers be lying and shit.

1 Y'all think niggers be really lying. This is
2 14:06 what's going on in Greenville. This is what's
3 going on in Greenville, Greenville/Winterville.
4 This is what's going on in Greenville and
5 14:12 Winterville.

6 This is what happened to us. Greenville
7 Police Department, a police department y'all
8 14:18 love, Protect and Serve, and they harassing --
9 they just gave this man three citations for no
10 reason. For no reason.

11 14:27 MR. STATON: [inaudible] no stop sign. If he
12 couldn't search and find that and all that --

13 MR. SHARPE: For no reason.

14 14:29 MR. STATON: My license was clean.

15 MR. SHARPE: Y'all just seen the man grab on
16 me.

17 14:31 MR. STATON: You tell me you stop me for a
18 seat belt, but you didn't --

19 MR. SHARPE: Y'all just seen the man grab on

20 14:33 me.

21 MR. STATON: And then you [inaudible]

22 MR. SHARPE: Now, what the fuck we gonna do

23 14:37 about it?

24 MR. STATON: -- reached in the car to Dijon

1 phone and then grabbed the guy's seat belt.

2 14:41 MR. SHARPE: What are we gonna do about it?

3 The same way they did in Greenville. The same
4 way they did in Greenville. Share my shit.

5 14:48 Stop playing with me, man. That's what the
6 fuck I'm talking about. That's why I'm doing
7 what the fuck I'm doing.

8 14:50 Y'all just seen exactly what they would
9 have had. What if he went into -- he didn't
10 decide to reach? He would have reached for his

11 14:55 gun instead.

12 Come on, man. Hey, you on camera. They
13 don't give a fuck. Y'all crazy, man. That

14 15:02 shit crazy. I know y'all just seen this shit.
15 That shit crazy. We got tires in the back.

16 MR. STATON: They always trying to fuck with
17 15:11 somebody.

18 MR. SHARPE: We got tires in the back. We
19 got tires in the back, man. Hey, look --

20 15:16 MR. STATON: I ain't going to jail -- I
21 ain't going to no damn jail.

22 [END OF VIDEO]

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